GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Awareness of Welfare Schemes for Minorities
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

a) whether the minorities are aware of welfare schemes meant for their welfare;

b) if so, the details thereof;

c) whether the steps taken by the Government to spread awareness have proved to be sufficient; and

d) if not, the steps the Government proposes to take to
make the minorities aware of the availability of various schemes of the Government for them;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a&b): Yes, Madam. This Ministry is implementing the following schemes/programmes for educational and economic development of the six notified minority communities namely Muslims, Sikhs, Christian, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains:

Educational Empowerment

i. Pre-matric scholarship,
ii. Post-matric scholarship,
iii. Merit-cum-Means scholarship,
iv. Free Coaching & allied scheme(Naya Savera),
v. Maulana Azad Education Foundation − Grant-in-aid & Scholarship for Meritorious Girls
vi. Maulana Azad National Fellowship,
vii. Padho Pardesh,
viii. Nai Udaan - Support for minority students clearing prelims conducted by UPSC/SSC/State PSC etc.,
ix. Corpus Fund to Maulana Azad Education Foundation(MAEF)
Economic Empowerment

x. Seekho aur Kamao,
xi. USTTAD
xii. Nai Manzil
xiii. MANAS
xiv. Concessional credit through National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC)

Infrastructure Development

xv. Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP)

Special Needs

xvi. Hamar iDharohar
xvii. Nai Roshini
xviii. Jiyo Parsi
xix. Waqf Management

Scheme for strengthening of State Waqf Boards
Computerization of the records of State Waqf Boards scheme

xx. Equity to NMDFC
xxi. Grant in aid scheme to State Channelising Agencies of NMDFC

Apart from the above, this Ministry also monitors Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme, which is being implemented by various other Ministries.

(c&d): This Ministry is promoting various schemes/programmes to create awareness among the target communities in the country. Ministry runs Multi-Media campaign annually through Print and electronic Media including Doordarshan and All India Radio. Multi-media campaign with new video−audio spots are run on Doordarshan (including all Regional Kendras and North East Kendras), Private TV Channels and All India Radio including FM Channels. For publicity and awareness, the Pocket Booklets on Schemes and Achievements have also been published in Hindi, English, Urdu and other Regional languages. New Pamphlets on various schemes/ programmes of the Ministry of Minority Affairs have been published in English, Hindi, Urdu and various vernacular languages. Outdoor publicity is done in public places, Bus stops, Railway Stations, Roadsides, India International Trade Fair (IITF), Surajkund International Fair etc. In addition to the above, the Ministry has also organized Progress Panchayats in Mewat & Palwal in Haryana & Udham Singh Nagar in Uttarakhand to create awareness about various schemes run by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. The awareness about the schemes run by the Ministry is well spread and is being constantly propogated.

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